GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL CENTRE TO STUDY NATIONAL CALAMITIES AND DISASTERS
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various universities have sought financial assistance to set up a national center to study national calamities and disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof, University-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): Requests had been received from Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madhepura, Bihar and Yashwantrao Chavan, Maharashtra Open University, Nasik, Maharashtra for opening of Institutes of Disaster Management in these Universities.

(c): Under an existing scheme being operated by this Ministry, financial assistance not exceeding Rupees fifteen lakh per year is being provided to Administrative Training Institutes or other training institutes designated by the State Governments for operation of a Faculty of Disaster Management. At present, 28 training institutes and one University, namely, Tezpur University, Asam, designated by the State Governments in 28 States, are being provided financial assistance under the scheme.

The State Government of Bihar was requested that the Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University may also be taken into consideration while designating an Institute in Bihar for creation of a faculty of disaster management. The State Government, however, decided to designate Administrative Training Institute, Bihar for receipt of financial assistance from the Government of India for establishment of a Centre for Disaster Mitigation and Natural Calamities.

In case of Maharashtra, an institute has already been designated by the State Government for receiving assistance from the Government of India for operation of a faculty of disaster management. The Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, which required an assistance of Rupees fifteen crore for establishment of an Institute of Disaster Management, was informed that in view of the limited availability of funds under the scheme, it would not be possible for this Ministry to provide the financial support required by the University for setting up the proposed institute.